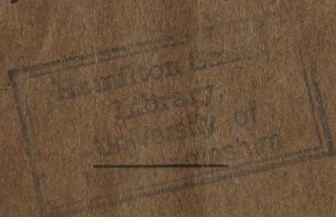


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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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### VALUATION OF THE TOWN

Real estate,	\$265,510 00
Horses, 103,	8,640 00
Cows, 192,	12,760 00
Other neat stock, 47,	1,880 00
Sheep, 18,	185 00
Hogs, 5,	135 00
Fowls, 377,	505 00
Vehicles, 10,	525 00
Portable mills, 4,	300 00
Gasoline pumps and tank, 1,	150 00
Wood and lumber,	11,500 00
Stock in trade,	1,000 00
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	\$303,090 00

### TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR

State tax,	\$720 00
County tax,	510 95
Town charges,	600 00
School tax, \$5.00 per \$1,000 on equalized valuation,	1,779 44
High school tuition,	700 00
Salaries of district officers,	55 00
Per capita tax,	106 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	103 45
Repairs on school houses,	100 00
Highways and bridges,	761 06

Special highway tax,	250 00
State aid construction,	456 00
State maintenance,	290 00
Bridge on Gilsum road,	300 00
Repairs on town hall,	500 00
Old Home day,	50 00
Percentage,	35 04

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\$7,316 94

Poll taxes, 97 at \$3.00.

Amount committed to collector including poll taxes, \$7,316 94

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## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SURRY

### ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer, January 31, 1926,	\$87 48
Due from state, maintenance account,	25 31
Due from state construction account,	4 70
Uncollected taxes, levy 1923,	142 66
Uncollected taxes, levy 1924,	574 22
Uncollected taxes, levy 1925,	1,269 35
Due for rent of town hall, 1925,	15 00
Due from state, bounty on hedgehogs,	5 60

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\$2,124 32

### LIABILITIES

Due to school fund for dog licenses,	\$78 60
Unexpended balance in state treasury,	30 01
Unexpended balance in town treasury,	20 47
Ashuelot-Citizens National bank note,	150 00
Salaries due to town officers for 1925 (estimated),	250 00

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\$529 08

Excess of assets over liabilities, \$1,595 24

## LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall,	\$6,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	350 00
Highway department, equipment,	350 00
Fire department, equipment,	100 00
Wright grove,	400 00
New Hampshire law reports,	300 00
School houses and land,	2,000 00
Equipment,	200 00
Library building lot,	250 00
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	\$9,950 00



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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### REGISTRY OF DOGS FOR 1925

Male dogs, 33,	\$66 00	
Female dogs, 4,	20 00	
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	\$86 00	
Clerks fee at 20c,	7 40	
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		\$78 60

### REPORT OF CEMETERY LOTS

Received for 2 lots,	\$10 00	
Received for 1 lot,	2 00	
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		\$12 00

### REPORT OF PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Received for 54 permits,	\$295 87	
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Paid treasurer,		\$386 47

Respectfully submitted,

MYRON H. PORTER,

Town Clerk.

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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## RECEIPTS

For the year ending Jan. 31, 1926

### Current revenue—from local taxes:

Property taxes, current year,	\$5,825 43
Poll taxes, 52 at \$3.00,	156 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years,	1,534 84
National bank stock tax,	12 80
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Total of above collections,	\$7,529 07

### From the state:

For state aid maintenance,	\$696 54
For state aid construction,	80 72
For state aid bridge construction,	598 89
Railroad tax,	14 79
Savings bank tax,	174 80
Tax on dividends,	17 96
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	\$1,583 70

### From the county:

Aid of A. F. Griswold,	\$121 50
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### From local sources except taxes:

Rent of town hall,	\$51 00
Dog licenses,	79 60
Permits for registration of motor vehicles,	295 87
Interest received on taxes,	139 54



## Receipts other than current revenue:

Sale of cemetery lots,	\$12 00
Lumber, shingles and window glass,	13 84
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	1,200 00
Over credit on bank deposit,	20

Total receipts from all sources,	\$11,026 32
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1925,	156 94

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\$11,183 26

## EXPENDITURES

Paid 123 orders drawn on the treasury by the selectmen,	\$11,095 78
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Balance in treasury Jan. 30, 1926,	\$87 48
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Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. STILLINGS,

Town Treasurer.

## DISBURSEMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN

### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

H. W. Harvey, services as selectman, 1924,	\$70 00
G. B. Conly, services as selectman, 1924,	60 00
F. D. W. Carpenter, services as selectman, 1924,	60 00
George Malcolm, services as tax collector, 1924,	69 00
Myron H. Porter, services as town clerk, 1925,	23 00
James V. Stillings, services as treasurer, 1925,	30 00
Clarence H. French, services as moderator, 1925,	2 00
Edward M. Britton, services as sexton, 1925,	25 00
John W. Conly, services as supervisor, 1925,	3 00
Robert M. Crain, services as supervisor, 1925,	3 00
Grace E. Stillings, services as auditor, 1924,	5 00
	<hr/> \$350 00

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Bonds for town officers,	\$29 00
Printing town reports,	43 50
Running town line, Alstead and Surry,	6 00
O. E. Cain, town counsel,	20 00
Supplies and stationery,	33 02
	<hr/> \$131 52

### TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Janitor,	\$34 60
Cleaning hall,	15 50
Repairs on stove,	4 00
Lights for hall and library,	9 72
Chemical for toilet,	3 00
Oil for hall,	4 62
Wood,	6 00
	<hr/> \$77 44



## TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Repairs on porch,	\$71 35
Painting hall,	282 95
Labor on hall,	64 20
Trucking,	5 00
Lumber,	122 63
Work on roof,	11 50
Hardware,	13 33
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	\$570 96
Credit for shingles,	10 50
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	\$560 46

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Robert M. Crain, constable,	\$10 00
Bounties,	5 60
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	\$15 60

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health officer,	\$5 00
Fumigating,	12 00
Vital statistics,	1 75
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	\$18 75

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

## STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Balance in state treasury, 1924,	\$296 30
Balance in town treasury, 1924,	296 29
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Balance in joint fund,	\$592 59
Appropriation by state, 1925,	\$580 00
Appropriation by town, 1925,	\$290 00
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Total joint fund, 1925,	\$870 00
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	\$1,462 59

Expended by E. M. Britton,	\$738 66
Expended by C. C. Plimpton,	531 52
Expended by state,	154 45
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	\$1,424 63
Unexpended balance in state treasury,	\$25 31
Unexpended balance in town treasury,	12 65
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Balance for 1926,	\$37 96

## BRIDGE ON GILSUM ROAD

Town appropriation,	\$700 64
State appropriation,	700 64
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Total cost of bridge,	\$1,401 28

## STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Balance 1924 in town treasury,	\$10 43	
Balance 1924 in state treasury,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$16 68
Appropriation 1925, town,	\$456 00	
Appropriation 1925, state,	273 60	
	<hr/>	\$729 60
Total fund, town,	\$466 43	
Total fund, state,	279 85	
	<hr/>	\$746 28
Expended by H. W. Harvey,	\$496 40	
Expended by C. C. Plimpton,	42 93	
Expended by state,	194 43	
	<hr/>	\$733 76
Unexpended balance state, \$4.70, town \$7.82,		12 52



## TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Expended by Edward M. Britton,	\$464 53
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Expended by Leon I. Curtis on West Hill road:

Breaking roads,	\$16 00
General repair,	526 30
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	\$542 30

Expended by George B. Conley, north end road:

Hodgkins bridge,	\$142 10
General repairs,	50 00
H. W. Harvey, Lammenin road,	45 77
F. D. W. Carpenter, south end road,	24 60
Selectmen breaking roads,	6 39
Geo. Malcom, crossing land,	5 00
Ice on Gilsum,	18 70
Hardware,	12 85
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	\$305 41

Total amount expended on town road,	\$1,312 24
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## TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Monadnock road,	\$30 13
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## LIBRARY

Librarian,	\$52 00
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## PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial day, flags and flowers,	\$8 34
Flagg staff and holder,	3 50
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	\$11 84

## MOTOR VEHICLES

Registration fees,	\$13 50
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## UNCLASSIFIED

Town history,	\$25 00
Refund on dog license,	1 00

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\$26 00

## CHARITIES

Aid to A. F. Griswold,	\$25 00
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## OLD HOME DAY

Expenses,	\$50 00
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## PAYMENTS ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Ashuelot Citizens National bank,	
Temporary loan in anticipation of taxes,	\$1,050 00
Interest on loan,	22 59
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	\$1,072 59

## PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State treasurer, state tax,	\$720 00
State treasurer, poll tax,	80 00
County treasurer tax,	510 95
Treasurer of school district,	2,918 22
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	\$4,229 17

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. HARVEY,  
G. B. CONLEY,  
F. D. W. CARPENTER,  
Selectmen of Surry.



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	Amount of Principal Jan. 31, 1925	Income 1925	Expended 1925	Balance of Income Jan. 31, 1926
Sarah Aldrich,	\$100 00	\$8 18	\$1 00	\$87 54
Mary Hayward,	200 00	15 32	1 00	151 56
Marietta C. Wright,	5,000 00	225 00	225 00	
Susan Hills,	80 87	6 02		74 80
Chas. W. Reed,	100 00	4 38	1 00	12 37
Abizah Benton,	50 00	1 98	1 00	06
Sumner Wilder,	182 06	7 34		7 34
Hattie E. Streeter,	100 00	4 24	1 00	8 99

LEON A. HODGKINS,  
FRANK MASON,

Trustees.

## REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the selectmen, the town treasurer, the trustees of trust funds and the town clerk and find them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, with proper vouchers therefor.

GRACE E. STILLINGS,

Auditor.

Surry, N. H., February 23, 1926.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board of Surry:

I herein submit my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

Horace Mann said: "Whatever ground of confidence there may be for the perpetuation of our civil and religious liberties; whatever prospect of the elevation of our posterity; whatever faith in the general christianization of the world—these aspirations and this faith depend upon teachers, more than upon any, more than upon all other human instrumentalities united."

Whether we accept this statement in its entirety or not, we can not deny the fact that millions of children now have a better chance in life because of the work of Horace Mann.

Our democracy is surer, our ideas of living and of serving are higher because of his leadership.

Our system of free public schools owes to him a debt larger than to any other man.

But, as is the teacher so is the school, is a common maxim of American life.

We trust that the accomplishments of your children during the past year will compensate the taxpayer for his labor, the parents for their sacrifices and the boys and girls of Surry may have a better chance in life because of these opportunities.

### FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

NORTH END SCHOOL

Teacher, Miss Vera White

Number of weeks in the year,	36
Number of pupils registered,	13



Average attendance,	7.07
Percent of attendance,	91
Number of tardy marks,	87
Number of visits by school board,	0
Number of visits by citizens,	11
Number of visits of superintendent,	13

### HONOR ROLL

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM
None	None	None

### PROMOTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

Grades	I	II	V	VI	VII
	1	2	2	2	2

Judging from inspections, standard tests and recommendations of the teacher, the school maintained creditable record and the respective grades are doing normal work.

The per cent. of attendance is below that of the supervisory district and of the state. The average number of tardy marks per pupil is excessive and exceeds that of the state. We hope to see improvement in the records of the present year and a larger number of pupils on the honor roll. Miss White continues her services during the present year, has the school well organized and is doing effective work. A good school spirit exists.

### VILLAGE SCHOOL

Teacher, Mrs. Etta B. Rowell

Number of weeks in the year,	36
Number of pupils registered,	21
Average attendance,	13.63
Per cent. of attendance,	93

Per cent. of attendance for district,	94.98
Per cent of attendance for state,	94.24
Number of tardy marks,	14
Number of visits of school board,	2
Number of visits of citizens,	21
Number of visits of superintendent,	14

### ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM
Elizabeth Ball	Elizabeth Ball	Donald Crane
Doris K. Britton		
Lois V. Ball		

Promotions in respective grades for year ending June 30.

Grades	I	II	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	1	2	3	3	2	1	1

Per cent. of attendance in this school fell a little below that of the district and state, but the number of tardy marks per pupil was less than that of the state. This is an encouraging omen for a school. Regularity of attendance and punctuality are habits that lay the foundations of a successful life.

Mrs. Rowell maintained her usual reputation as a good disciplinarian and efficient teacher. The following standard tests were given: Ayres Spelling, Charter's English, Woody-McColl Arithmetic and Stanford Achievement. The results showed the school well graded and a reasonable accomplishment for the year.

Mrs. Rowell having refused to accept the school for another year, Miss Margaret Welsh, a graduate of Keene Normal was elected to the position. Miss Welsh has the school well organized. A school of this size with seven or eight grades demands the strictest economy of time in the school room, much time for preparation outside of school hours and modern

types of teaching. With effective teaching on the part of the teacher and the hearty co-operation of parents and pupils we anticipate a successful year.

### WEST HILL SCHOOL

Teacher, Miss Edith M. Winchester

Number of weeks in the year,	32*
Number of pupils registered,	8
Average attendance,	6.9
Per cent. of attendance,	92
Number of visits by school board,	0
Number of visits by citizens,	8
Number of visits by superintendent,	12
Number of tardy marks,	5

### ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM
Alton G. Wilder	Alton G. Wilder	Leland Curtis
Ruth I. Davis		Ruth Davis
		Denman Wilbur
		Howard Wilbur

\*Pupils conveyed to village school for remainder of year.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Miss Winchester near the close of the school year.

Miss Winchester, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School, had devoted her entire life to teaching. She was efficient in instruction and always alert to the best interests of the children in her charge. She had taught this school for several years and received the highest respect of pupils and parents. Not only will her personality be missed in this little school but the State of New Hampshire has lost a strong teacher and a good woman.



At the beginning of the present year, due to the uncertainty of pupils throughout the year, the school has been placed under the instruction of cadet teachers from Keene Normal under the guidance of Miss Farnum, the critic teacher, the system is proving successful. Miss Marshall and Miss Brooks were very satisfactory.

### **CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL TUITION LAW**

The last legislature made a radical change in high school tuition. That all may become familiar with its basic principles, I herein insert an excerpt of the law: Chapter 120, Section 26.

“Any district not maintaining a high school or school of corresponding grade shall pay for the tuition of any child who with parents or guardians resides in said district and who attends high school or academy in another district in this state, and the parent or guardian of such child shall notify the school board of the district in which he resides of the high school or academy which he has determined to attend, provided, however, except as in section 21, that no district shall be liable for tuition of a child in any school, in excess of the average cost per child of instruction for the regularly employed teachers of that school or of all the public high schools of the state, and the cost of text books, supplies and apparatus during the school year preceding, and in senior high school work only.”

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of teachers and parents and support given me by the members of the school board.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H., Feb. 18, 1926.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL

Year Ending June 30, 1925

### RECEIPTS

State and Federal Aid:	
Equalization fund for elementary schools,	\$542 06
Local taxation:	
For the support of elementary schools,	\$1,177 69
For high school and academy tuition,	770 00
For salary of district officers,	55 00
For per capita tax,	82 00
Excess salary of superintendent,	107 15
Repairs,	100 00
Transportation,	109 25
Total,	\$3,543 15
Other sources than taxation:	
Dog licenses,	\$67 80
Cash on hand July 1, 1924,	75 76
Grand total,	\$3,686 71
Total expenditures,	3,283 60
Cash on hand June 30, 1925,	\$403 11

### EXPENDITURES

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers,	\$62 50
Superintendent's excess salary,	103 45
Other expenses of administration,	9 39

Instruction:	
Teacher's salaries,	1,869 96
Text books,	21 04
Scholar's supplies,	62 83
Operation and maintenance:	
Janitor service,	112 50
Fuel,	94 88
Janitors' supplies,	1 24
Minor repairs and expenses,	97 31
Special activities:	
Medical inspection,	21 50
Transportation of pupils,	45 00
High school tuition,	700 00
Debt, interest and other charges:	
Tax for state wide supervision,	82 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3,283 60

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR  
1926-1927

Statutory requirements:	
For high school tuition,	\$835 45
For per capita tax,	96 00
For superintendent's excess salary,	103 45
General school purposes:	
Salary of district officers,	60 00
Support of elementary schools (\$5 tax),	1,679 44
Repairs,	100 00
Transportation,	250 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3,124 34

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIE E. SCRIPTURE,  
ERNEST W. BALL,  
GRACE E. STILLINGS,  
School Board of Surry.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Year Ending June 30, 1925

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Balance in treasury June 30, 1924,	\$75 76
Oct. 1, from town treasurer,	200 00
Oct. 30, from town treasurer,	200 00
Nov. 5, from town treasurer,	50 00
Nov. 25, from town treasurer,	300 00
Dec. 18, from town treasurer,	500 00
Jan. 13, from town treasurer,	250 00
Jan. 29, from town treasurer,	300 00
Jan. 31, from state treasurer,	542 06
Jan. 31, from town treasurer, dog tax, 1923,	67 80
Jan. 31, from town treasurer,	1,201 09
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Total receipts,	\$3,686 71
Paid 83 orders by school board,	3,283 60
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Balance in bank, June 30, 1925,	\$403 11

CLARENCE H. FRENCH,

District Treasurer.

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1889, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

Married November 25 at Keene, Barnard C. Carey and Alyce S. Dana; residence of groom, Keene, of bride Surry; age of groom 45, of bride 42; occupation of groom, farmer, of bride, at home; birth place of groom, Chesterfield, of bride, Hancock; groom's parents, Gilman Carey, born at Brandon, Vt., and Mary R. Curtis, born at Winchester, bride's parents, Orlando Sargent, born at North Woodstock, Vt., and Julia A. Green, born at Hanover; groom's second marriage, bride's third marriage; married by Rev. Edward H. Newcomb, Keene, N. H.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SURRY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.							
Feb. 24	William Henry Jr.	M	L	2	William Henry Ellis	Rosabelle L. Wilber	Trav. Salesman	Keene	Bridgewater, Ms.	41	31
Oct. 2	Charlotte Lura	F	L	3	Charlie Matava	Lillian V. Kidder	Laborer	No. Andover, Ms.	No. Groton	36	25



DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SURRY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	* S., M., W.	Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 14	Ellen F. Conley	59	4	14	Surry	F	M			Joshua Blake	Mary Wilber
Feb. 3	Harrison N. Scripture	84	1	6	Harrisville	M	W			Charles Scripture	Abigail Priest
Mar 19	Fred E. Richardson	36			Surry	M	M			Charles Richardson	Hattie Kenney
June 5	Josephine H. Joslin	84	5	12	Surry	F	M	Surry	Alstead	William Carpenter	Abigail White

\*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MYRON H. PORTER,  
Town Clerk.





